

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) A method of promoting extension of corneal nerve axon, which comprises administering an effective amount of a somatostatin receptor agonist to a case in need of the promotion of extension of the corneal nerve axon.

14. (Original) A method of recovering corneal sensitivity, which comprises administering an effective amount of a somatostatin receptor agonist to a case in need of the recovery of corneal sensitivity.

15. (Original) A method of treating dry eye, which comprises administering an effective amount of a somatostatin receptor agonist to a case affected with dry eye.

16. (Original) A method of treating corneal epithelium defect, which comprises administering an effective amount of a somatostatin receptor agonist to a case having corneal epithelial defect.